

HOME EDITION

TUESDAY EVENING.

TOPEKA, KANSAS, MARCH 16, 1915.

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## GIRL RELATES HER STORY OF LOVE, DEVOTION

Pretty Alma Stephenson on the Witness Stand Today.

Told of Relations With Van Sickle, Mayor of Olpe.

FIRST KISS IN CHURCH

"Put His Arms Around Me and Said He Loved Me."

Would Leave Love Letters at Store for Her, Is Charge.

IN HOTEL AT OSAGE CITY

Registered as "L. L. Wilson and Niece," She Testified.

Later at Ottawa, She Said, as "L. L. Wilson and Wife."

Details Brought Out in Preliminary Hearing Today.

A simple story of love and devotion for the man who she claims ruined her, was told this morning in the court of Topeka by pretty Alma Stephenson, 17 years old, when she was placed on the witness stand during the preliminary hearing of the case to tell her past relations with William H. Van Sickle, mayor of Olpe, Kan., charged with having improper relations with the witness. On the stand the witness told her story in simple words and showed little signs of emotion until after the trial when in the clerk's office she broke down and began to cry. "I have known Van Sickle ever since I can remember," she told W. E. Atchison, county attorney, who conducted the case for the state. "He made love to me when I was just a little girl."

Monday evening the charge of violation of the Kansas white slave law, which was placed against Van Sickle Sunday, was dismissed and a new complaint charging the mayor of Olpe with having relations with the girl was sworn out. Following the preliminary hearing Van Sickle was bound over to the district court on a bond of \$5,000, which he gave. Alma Stephenson was placed under a bond of \$500 for appearance in the district court.

Met Him Alone.

"Did you ever meet Van Sickle alone at any time?" asked County Attorney Atchison in questioning the girl on the stand.

"Yes."

Q. When was the first time?

A. The first time I met him alone was on July 4, 1913.

Q. Where?

A. At my home.

Q. How did you happen to meet him?

A. The folks were in the country. I came home. He came.

Q. Did he know you were there alone?

A. Yes, sir.

The girl said that Van Sickle saw her in town at the central office and asked her if he could come out.

Told Their Love.

Q. Did he show you any attentions?

A. He said he loved me. I told him I loved him.

Q. Did he kiss you?

A. Yes. He put his arms around me and told me that he loved me.

Q. When was the next time you saw him alone?

A. At the church in Olpe.

Q. Day or night?

A. In the evening about 7 o'clock.

Q. Kissed in Church.

Q. What occurred at the church?

A. He kissed me and told me he loved me.

Q. Did he ever write to you?

A. Yes.

Q. How did the letters come, through the mail?

A. He would hand me a letter at the store.

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Marine Rates Advanced.

New York, March 16.—Marine insurance rates to French and British ports within the field of operations of the German submarines have advanced today to almost double those prevailing last week. This was attributed mainly to the loss of the steamer Indian Prince with her 750,000 cargo of cotton, which it was said swept away the profits of the war risk insurance on all cotton shipments to England and France since the war began.

Spain Will Not Play

Refuses Longer to Maintain Diplomatic Relations With Mexico.

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## SUBSTITUTE FOR WINE.

Petrograd, March 16.—The banishment of table wines by government edict has brought to the fore a beverage which seldom has been used outside the peasant's cottage. It is "kvass." Though it closely resembles lager beer in color, it is more like American root beer in taste, and is also nonintoxicating. The favorite brand is prepared by a special treatment of Russian black bread. It is now served in all the restaurants.

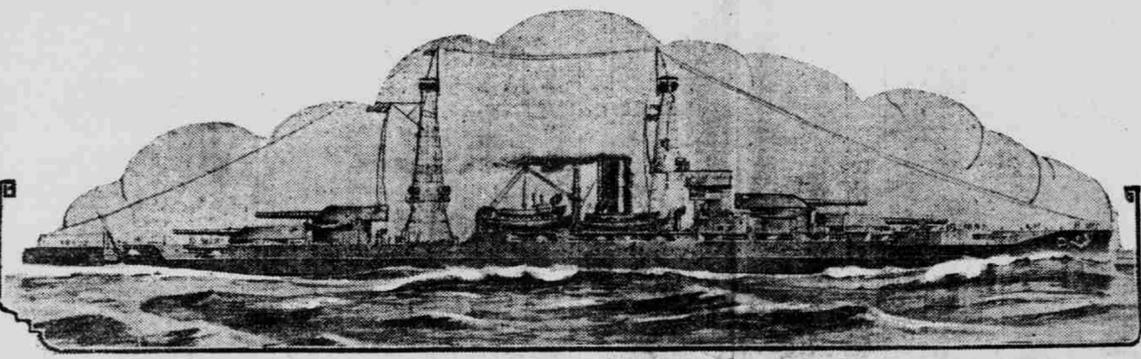
## U. S. GIANT FIGHTER

World's Most Powerful Dreadnaught Launched Today.

"Pennsylvania" Leaves the Ways at Newport News.

Newport News, Va., March 16.—Sponsored by Miss Elizabeth Kolb of Germantown, Pa., the giant United States dreadnaught Pennsylvania slipped from the ways today and took her

## WORLD'S BIGGEST BATTLESHIP, U. S. S. PENNSYLVANIA, LAUNCHED TODAY



place as the most powerful fighting vessel yet launched.

In the presence of Secretary of Navy Daniels, and other officials, solemn ceremonies were conducted. While sailors and marines stood at attention, and as big salute guns boomed forth, Miss Kolb dashed a bottle of champagne over the bow and christened Uncle Sam's thirty-eighth battleship, the Pennsylvania.

## 25 TONS OF STEEL

State Issues Contract for 73,200 Automobile Tags.

Local Bidders Couldn't Compete With St. Louis Firm.

Twenty-five tons of steel or 73,200 tags will be required to supply automobile and motorcycle owners in Kansas this year, according to the estimate today of J. T. Botkin, secretary of state, who let the contract for the 1915 supply of automobile tags. The new tags will be a black letter on an orange background—the official color of the Kansas Automobile association and almost the color of the Kansas sunflower.

Contract for the new supply of tags was let to the Adams company of St. Louis, the lowest bidder. Two Topeka firms bid for the contract, but were unable to compete with the foreign company. One local bidder was \$1,018.50 higher than the successful bidder, while the other was \$1,464 above the low mark.

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## TAKES A FORTUNE IN COSTLY GEMS

Priest Escapes From Mexico With Jewels of Great Value.

An Archbishop's Robe Set With Diamonds and Rubies.

HALF MILLION IN SUITCASE

Had Lain in the Mexican Cathedral for Centuries.

The Bearer Fled to Save Them From Carranza.

New York, March 16.—A king's ransom in jewels, blazoned in the royal eagles of Spain at the time of Charles V, the most powerful monarch of the sixteenth century, lies under guard at the customs house here awaiting appraisal.

The gems, set in gold on white and purple robes and mounted on two golden crowns, were brought into New York by a Catholic priest clad in shabby clothes, who fled from Mexico City a month ago, made his way to Vera Cruz and sailed aboard the steamer

## FAR REACHING LIQUOR BILLS

Legislature Places New Provisions Under Prohibitory Law.

Price and Troutman Measures Passed by House Today.

NEW TROUBLE TO JOINTIST

Property Owners and Taxpayers Are Affected, Too.

Attorney General Approves Important Measures.

The Kansas legislature put new proposals under the prohibitory liquor law today when the house passed three far reaching liquor measures originating in the senate. Two bills by Senator Price of Clark, and one by Senator Troutman—all originating in the attorney general's office—carry new trouble not alone to the Kansas jointists but to the property owners and taxpayers in the various municipalities.

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## DELEGATES COME ON EVERY TRAIN

Big Force of Methodist Ministers in City Today.

Kansas Conference Will Open With a Reception Tonight.

SPEAKERS OF PROMINENCE

Well Known Methodists Are on the Program.

Church Laymen Will Meet Friday and Saturday.

Prominent Methodist ministers arrived in Topeka today in anticipation of the annual Kansas conference of the Methodist Episcopal church which will open at the First church tonight with a reception tendered by the Topeka Methodist ministers and wives, together with the official boards of the local churches. A large number of the wives of the preachers are here. A total attendance of nearly 600 persons is expected at the conference.

## ROB A PAWN SHOP

Abe Jacobson Store Broken Into This Morning.

Jewelry, Guns and Suitcases Taken by Burglars.

Daring burglars broke into the Abe Jacobson pawn shop at Fifth and Kansas avenue early this morning and went away with a big haul, consisting of a quantity of guns and jewelry.

The robbery is believed to have occurred between 3:30 and 4 o'clock.

Entrance was effected by breaking the glass in the front door. The robbers grabbed everything in sight, probably taking less than five minutes for the burglary.

Between 50 and 60 guns were taken, five bracelets, two grips and some smaller articles of cheap jewelry.

The police suspect three men who left on train No. 109 early this morning, buying tickets for Kansas City, Mo. Sergeant Leon Sauls and Mr. Jacobson wired ahead, but the men were not picked up. The robbery was discovered shortly after 4 o'clock.

Two men, who gave their names as Joe Hoffman and Lawrence Fisher, were taken off the train at Argentine, Kan., this morning by Kansas City policemen. According to a report received here by Sheriff Linn, Kansas, the men had part of the stolen goods with them and confessed to the crime.

Sheriff Kiene left for Argentine on the first train to get the prisoners.

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Several disputes occurred between the kaiser and his son soon after the outbreak of the war. These finally culminated in a violent quarrel. As the result of a proclamation issued to his troops at Christmas time the kaiser summoned him to Potsdam, where they again quarreled violently, the kaiser accusing his son of being meddlesome.

The emperor's fury is said to have been terrible and as a climax of his wrathful tirade he almost struck his wilful heir. Then suddenly he grew deadly calm and divesting himself of his role of father and acting as commander-in-chief of the army, he stripped the crown prince of his rank in the Prussian army and banished him to solitude where his voice cannot be heard.

Why no word about the crown prince has been printed in Germany for the last two months.

## HOLDS SWEDEN STEAMER BACK TO MATTEAWAN

Government Investigating Action of German Warship on Baltic.

Copenhagen, March 16.—The Swedish steamer Gloria, carrying a cargo of corn from La Plata, Argentine, to Stockholm, has been halted by a German warship and is being conveyed into Swinemunde, on the Baltic, according to dispatches received here today. The government has ordered an investigation of the report.

Marine Band at G. A. R. Reunion.

Washington, March 16.—The United States Marine band will furnish music at the annual encampment of the Grand Army here the latter part of September. The band had been given leave of absence from Washington beginning September 29, but when it was brought to the attention of President Wilson that the encampment would be held about that time, he ordered it to remain for the occasion.

## LISTEN FOR THE WHISTLE

Deep toned whistles designating the arrival of the newspaper containing today's news today are sounded in the late afternoons in Topeka. The whistle means that the State Journal carrier is coming down the street that he is distributing his daily consignment of the world's events to the thousands of subscribers here.

Subscribers of the State Journal will have the opportunity of hailing the carrier when the whistle is sounded. Stop, look, listen—the evening whistle brings today's news of the world, the state, the city, to your door.

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## O-OH, HOW THEY LIKE JAM!

London, March 16.—Jam is one of the most important articles in the diet of the British soldier, notwithstanding the ridicule to which it is subjected, particularly by German humorists.

Jam, says Prof. James Long, has three and a half times the energy value of butter. Its value lies in its richness in sugar—of which one-half its weight consists—in the minerals present in the skins of fruit, in its laxative character and its mechanical aid to digestion.

Besides it is toothsome and gives a relish to army diet that by its mental effect goes far in the maintenance of health. No better variant could be found for a diet limited to simple foods.

The most nutritious and useful varieties of jam are those made from plum, apricot, gooseberry and currant, but a mixture of plum and apple yields the most energy.

Jam should not be considered as a dainty but as an article of food.

## FIRE ON U. S. BOAT

Mexican Snipers Shoot at Launch of the Delaware

While Going to and Coming From Vera Cruz.

Galveston, March 16.—A boat from the United States battleship Delaware was fired upon by Mexican snipers at Vera Cruz last Wednesday night, according to passengers on the steamer City of Tampa, which docked here today. There were no casualties. The boat went ashore for Captain Rogers of the Delaware and was fired on by a dozen rifles both inward and outward bound.

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## STATE HOUSE DEADLOCK IS BROKEN TODAY

Legislative Flight of Many Weeks Comes to End.

House Yields to Appropriations of Half Million.

GIVE FIVE NEW BUILDINGS

Pittsburg, Emporia, Rosedale, Hays and Parsons.

Increased Maintenance for Other Institutions.

FOR TOPEKA FAIR \$10,000

Hutchison Is Granted \$25,000 in Next Two Years.

Legislature Will Probably Adjourn at End of Week.

Conference Committee Agreement.

New building Pittsburg normal.

New building Emporia normal.

New building Hays normal.

New building Rosedale Medical school.

New building Parsons hospital.

Increased maintenance Kansas university, state agricultural college and state charitable institutions.

The legislative deadlock was broken this afternoon when the house and senate conference committee, the third appointed in this session of the legislature, agreed upon a report. In the agreement, it is understood that the house yields to appropriations of about a half million dollars for new buildings, with increased maintenance for other institutions. The report will be read in both houses late today and the legislature will adjourn this week.

In reaching an agreement this afternoon,